

# 13 July 1931

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**SRINAGAR:** The Dogra rule, followed by Indian occupation in 1947, is a bleak chapter in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. The Dogra rule, which continued from 1846 – 1947, is considered as the gloomiest period. Indian armed forces occupied a major part of Jammu and Kashmir on October 27, 1947 and the occupation is still continuing. The Indian troops pursued the policy of suppression in a systematic manner to reduce the overwhelming Muslim majority in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. To achieve this objective Indian troops started the process of mass massacre. There are plenty of events and evidences to support this gory fact.

**July 13, 1931:** The people of Kashmir have been raising their voices against the Dogra usurpation of their land and as a result, they faced brutal consequences. On July 13, 1931, a large number of Kashmiri Muslims, gathered in front of the Srinagar Central Jail, at a time when the trial of a youth, **Abdul Qadeer**, accused of involvement in a case of agitation, was in progress inside the jail. The objective was to demonstrate solidarity with the



young man. As the time for obligatory SALAAH approached, a young Kashmiri stood for AZAAN (Call for the SALAAH). The Dogra police opened fire on him, and he got martyred. Thereby, another youth took the place of the martyred young man and started Azan. He too was shot dead. In this way, 22 Kashmiris embraced martyrdom, in their efforts to

complete the AZAAN (Call for the SALAAH).